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Did you receive a large tax refund? Watch out for scammers trying to take it.

Many consumers find themselves flush after receiving their tax returns and offers are made by businesses to capitalize on the spending trend. However, do your research before you sign your name or give your hard earned money away.

Some of the more popular solicitations to be aware of include:

**Special Financing on Vehicles/ Furniture
Alarm / Security Systems
Chimney or Gutter Cleaning
Investments
Time Share and Vacation Rentals
Home Repair or Modification
Special Financing on Electronics/ Appliances**

Keep in mind the following:

- 1) Don't do business on the spot. You can, and should, always get a second opinion or another bid.
- 2) Remember that a receipt is worth nothing unless the business is valid and reputable.
- 3) Read what you are signing, do not take their word for it.
- 4) Ask for a copy of the "deal" before you sign it or pay for it.
- 5) Request a written "rain check" so that you may take advantage of the deal after you do your research.
- 6) Don't be afraid to offend someone by not doing business with them.
- 7) If you feel that you are in a high pressure situation, take a step back and do your research. Check with the Better Business Bureau to see what their rating is, check business license numbers, and verify promises they have made.

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